

WHEREAS, In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day called Arbor Day for the planting of trees, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, as well as cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and give us a renewable resource of paper, wood, and fuel; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SUSAN R. HOFFMANN, Mayor, along with the Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2008 as ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our city's community forestry program.

Mayor Susan R. Hoffmann

Councilmember John Britton
Councilmember Piotr Gajewski
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Councilmember Anne M. Robbins

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